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ABSTRACT

Seymour Lubetzky, one of the most beloved and brilliant thinkers and theorists dealing with the principles of cataloging, has been instrumental in creating the conceptual framework for the entire cataloging discipline as it currently exists. A symposium to honor Lubetzky on his 100th birthday was the occasion to gather the luminaries in the cataloging field, including Lubetzky himself, to present papers and share insights on the past, present, and future of cataloging. Dealing with some of the most critical issues facing the library profession, this collection of essays: addresses ideology and technology, with a view to reform the catalog for the next century; shares insights on creating efficient and systematic catalogs; discusses the challenges of cataloging virtual libraries; offers opportunities for using the World Wide Web in subject cataloging and access; and points to future changes, revision, and direction for modifying the cataloging code. The book is arranged in three parts. The first contains papers dealing with the history of cataloging theory and Lubetzky's contributions to it. The second consists of reports of current research in cataloging. In the third section, the authors offer their vision of the future of cataloging and the code. A select bibliography of publications by Lubetzky is provided. Contains an index. (Author/AEF)